THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" I have stated the principle, and I see no reason why it should be refunded. Because it is hard to collect a tax on sandy soil land this system was adopted. When we review the whole question we shall consider this question."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Is the revenue derived from this district earmarked for that district for its improvement, or is it treated as part of the general revenue? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" It forms part of the general revenue as there is no other tax for such lands there."

Recognition of M.B.B.S. Degree of the Andhra University.

* 9 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the M.B.B.S. Degree of the Andhra University has been recognized by the British Medical Council;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, why such recognition has not been accorded;

(*c*) whether the British Medical Council insist on fulfilment of certain conditions precedent to such recognition;

(*d*) whether the Andhra Medical College does not fulfil those conditions, and, if so, why;

(*e*) whether the provision of a deep X-ray therapy plant is one of the conditions imposed by the British Medical Council; and

(*f*) whether provision has been made for a deep X-ray therapy plant for the Andhra Medical College in the budget for 1947–48?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to clause (*a*) above.

" (*c*) & (*d*) No information is available on these points.

" (*e*) No; but this is one of the main deficiencies pointed out by the Inspectors of the Indian Medical Council in 1938.

" (*f*) The question of providing a deep X-ray apparatus during 1948–49 for the King George Hospital, Vizagapatam, is under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, now that budget copies are being distributed, whether any provision is made in the budget for a deep X-ray therapy plant for the Andhra Medical College? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member may refer to the budget copy." (Laughter.)

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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know why no provision has been made for that apparatus in the Vizagapatam Hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The question of providing that apparatus is under consideration. The hon. Member may kindly wait for the budget."

Condition of the Teppakulam tank at Trichinopoly.

* 10 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Teppakulam tank at Trichinopoly in its present filthy condition, constitutes a potential danger to public health;

(*b*) whether any scheme had been prepared for circulating fresh water in the tank and converting it into a place of public attraction;

(*c*) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(*d*) how soon will the scheme be taken on hand for execution?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) A scheme has been prepared by the Municipal Health Officer.

" (*c*) Two alternative remedies have been suggested. One is to construct a closed conduit channel replacing the present open channel and to avoid the tanks through which the present channel runs. The second scheme is to abandon the present inlet channel and source, and to pump up the water from the Cauvery near about the Chintamani Cauvery bridge and to bring in the water through pipes to the Teppakulam along the shortest route from the Cauvery bridge. Both the schemes require detailed investigation.

" (*d*) The Teppakulam tank is the property of the Rock Fort Devasthanam. The Municipal Council has agreed to take over the tank under its control with the consent of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board. A draft agreement in this regard is under scrutiny by the Legal Adviser of the Municipal Council. After the execution of the agreement, steps will be taken by the Municipal Council to work out the details of the scheme and to execute it."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether the Teppakulam tank now serves the object for which it was created? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I am not aware of the objects for which it was constructed." (Laughter.)

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Will Government undertake a survey of all such ancient tanks in the province so that they may be renovated and repaired? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The fact is the tank adds to the beauty of the town and whoever devised the tank were very wise people, because the tank adds to the